

News in Brief

At Fairmont, W. Va., four were fatally hurt and eight other seriously injured in an explosion of natural gas which wrecked a large boarding house there.

A granite stone was erected over the grave of John Quincy Marr on June 1 a few feet from the spot where he fell in the battle of Fairfax Court house.

The coinage facilities at the mint in Mexico City are to be largely increased. The foreign demand for Mexican coins increases, and Japan has bought heavily of late.

Ricarte, the former Filipino leader, has been captured by the constabulary and sent to Guam in exile. He was the instigator of an uprising at Vigan in February last.

Sergt. John Martin, the only survivor of General Custer's regiment, engaged in the battle of the Big Horn in 1877, has been placed on the retired list of the army.

Prof. Charles Richard Van Hise was inaugurated president of the University of Wisconsin. He is the first alumnus of the university to be at the head of the institution.

John Robinson, a fisherman of Maurice, Ill., shot and killed his wife, his brother-in-law, Shelby Atterbury, and then himself. Jealousy is supposed to have prompted the deed.

Chinese from Dainy say that the Russians had twenty-six naval guns at Nan Shan, and also that many guns from the Port Arthur fleet had been placed in the land batteries.

Colonel William Herring, a leading lawyer of Tucson, Ariz., has for a partner his daughter, Miss Sarah, who studied in her father's office when he was assistant district attorney in New York city.

Secretary Wilson will leave Washington for a tour of about ten days in the western states to inspect the agricultural colleges and experiment stations. He will visit Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

The reformed church in America has twenty-three stations in foreign fields, 251 minor or "out stations," 259 missionaries, 32 native missionaries, 542 native helpers and 36 churches, with 4,933 communicants.

The secretary of the interior approved contracts for the construction of waterworks at the towns of Lawton and Hobart, in the territory of Oklahoma. The Lawton works are to cost \$76,000 and the Hobart works \$42,000.

The London Standard's Che Foo correspondent says that a Russian gunboat, believed to be the Robr, which was in action at Talienwan, has arrived from Port Arthur. She was chased by the Japanese, but was able to take some refuge and escaped into Dainy. She was not followed into that port on account of mines.

The department of agriculture has been advised that Dr. Cook, who has discovered in Guatemala an ant that is a fierce enemy of the boll weevil, has started by the overland route from Guatemala for the cotton fields, carrying colonies of ants with which experiments will be made in the weevil ravaged sections.

It seems now certain that the monetary measure now before the Panama assembly will be adopted, as it is a compromise between the opposing views. The principal points of the plan are that the basis shall be the American gold dollar and the unit of circulation the silver dollar, as used in the Philippines.

Although not officially announced, it is understood that the order of merit of the battleships in the recent record target practice, so far as completed, is as follows: Oregon first, and probably winner of the pennant; Wisconsin second and Iowa third. The battleship Illinois is now engaged in target practice in Martha's Vineyard.

For extraordinary heroism in the recent explosion on the Missouri, the following named enlisted men have been made warrant officers: Michael Higgins, chief boatswain's mate, appointed an acting boatswain; Mons Monssen, chief gunner's mate, appointed acting gunner; George Croftin, chief machinist, appointed acting warrant machinist.

There is a great fight on for the vacancy in the United States senate caused by the death of Senator Matt Quay. Ex-Attorney General John P. Elkin, who was recently nominated for justice of the supreme court for a term of twenty-one years, at a salary of \$10,000 per annum, is a candidate. General T. Oliver, a millionaire, and William A. Flynn, a leader in various political movements at Pittsburg, are also candidates.

The war office says that many of the guns lost at Kin Chou were Chinese guns captured during the Boxer uprising.

The revolutionary Dominican forces sustained a defeat Sunday at Concepcion de la Vega, leaving a hundred men dead or wounded on the field.

Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed King Edward a field marshal of the Austro-Hungarian army.

The comptroller of the currency has extended the corporate existence of the First National bank at Sterling, Kan., until May 27, 1924.

CROP CONDITIONS

OUTLOOK AS A WHOLE IS QUITE FAVORABLE.

TOO WET IN SOME LOCALITIES

Corn Has Been Checked by the Lack of Warmth and Sunshine—Winter Wheat in Oklahoma Suffers from Heavy Rains.

WASHINGTON—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

While too cool for best results in portions of the lake region and in the districts east of the Rocky mountains, with excessive moisture and lack of sunshine in the central Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, the week as a whole has been very favorable in the districts east of the Rocky mountains. Drouth in the South Atlantic and eastern gulf states has been very generally relieved, although rain is needed in portions of Florida and in the central and western gulf coast districts. The North Pacific coast also experienced a favorable week, but in California nearly all crops were injured by continued drying north winds.

Over the western portions of the corn belt the growth of corn has been checked by the lack of warmth and sunshine, and it is much in need of cultivation, while in the central and eastern districts planting and replanting have been delayed by rains. Poor stands are reported from the lake re-

WAS DONE BY DYNAMITE.

Twelve Lives Hurled to Death by Explosion.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo.—Twelve men were killed by the explosion of an infernal machine at the railroad station in Independence Monday. Seven others were seriously injured. Eleven men were killed outright and one died later from his wounds. All the killed and injured, with the exception of two men from the Deadwood mine, were non-union miners employed on the night shift of the Findley mine.

The men had quit work at 2 a. m. and were waiting to board a suburban train on the Florence & Cripple Creek railroad and return to their homes in Cripple Creek and Victor. Just after the engineer of the approaching train blew his whistle as a signal to the miners, according to custom, a terrific explosion occurred underneath the station platform, on and near which twenty-six men were gathered.

The platform was blown into splinters, the station was wrecked and a hole twenty feet in depth was torn in the ground. Fragments of bodies were hurled through space for several hundred feet, and later were picked up still quivering.

Some of the bodies dropped into the pit made by the explosion, but the heads, hands, ears, legs, arms and trunks were strewn about on all sides. Pieces of flesh were found on buildings 500 feet away, and blood stains within a radius of fifty feet. The force of the explosion was felt throughout the camp, and the crash awakened everybody.

The approaching train was stopped and the train crew were the first men to reach the scene of the disaster. They were joined in a few minutes by hundreds of persons, and relief work



The Coal Man—"And before I go, I'd like to present my friend, Soakem, the ice man, who plans to be in town for the season!"

gion, Ohio valley and middle Atlantic states. In the southern states the general condition of corn is promising, although rain is needed in the central gulf coast districts.

Winter wheat has suffered somewhat from heavy rains in portions of Oklahoma and Missouri; elsewhere this crop has advanced favorably, but the outlook over the eastern portion of the entire wheat belt continues unpromising, although more or less improvement in the Ohio valley and middle Atlantic states. Wheat is now heading as far north as the central Mississippi valley, harvesting being general in the southern states. On the North Pacific coast the crop has advanced favorably and is heading. In California it is maturing rapidly, but is being seriously damaged by hot winds.

With the exception of some weedy fields in South Dakota, spring wheat is in very promising condition in all districts.

Oats have made vigorous growth throughout the central valleys and middle Atlantic states, and a general improvement in the condition of this crop is indicated in nearly all districts. Seeding is now practically finished in the extreme northern sections and harvesting continues in the southern states.

In the extreme northern states there is an encouraging outlook for apples, but in the central Mississippi and Ohio valleys and middle Atlantic states the prospects appear to be somewhat impaired by extensive dropping. In the southern states a good crop of peaches is indicated.

General Kuroki Has Been Ill.

PARIS—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo says, according to information received here General Kuroki has suffered from a mild attack of typhus fever, but he has now recovered.

The general belief is that General Kourapatkin will not advance to the relief of Port Arthur. In any case orders to do so have not yet been transmitted.

It is rumored that the army corps of the St. Petersburg district will be mobilized shortly.

Spanish Distrust United States.

MADRID—The newspapers are anxiously discussing the Morocco question. The Epoch thinks that the precipitation in sending a fleet to the Morocco coast gives force to the report that the United States has asked the sultan of Morocco for a port on the west coast.

La Correspondencia de Espana gives a rumor of exchange of notes among European chancelleries with a view to obtaining an assurance of America's intentions.

was begun at once. A special train was sent from Cripple Creek carrying physicians, nurses, officers and many others, but when it reached Independence the injured had already been placed on board the suburban train and removed to hospitals in Victor.

The mangled bodies of the dead, piled together as well as possible, were removed to the coroner's office. Following is the list of the dead:

GUS AUGUSTINE, aged 15; has a brother living in Janesville, Wis. ARTHUR MUHLSEISE, aged 33; relatives in Germany. HENRY HAAG, formerly of Leadville. ALEXANDER MELANE, Leadville. CHARLES E. BARBER, HERBERT MCCOY, J. H. HARTSELL, WILLIAM SHANKLIN, F. KELSO, married; W. W. DELANEY, EDWARD ROSS, E. H. JOHNSON, formerly of Little Horse Wyo. The injured are: Philip Chandler, J. A. Brooker, Edward Holland, John Police, Tom Sinclair, Dan Gainey, Clarence Allen.

Amputation has been performed upon a number of the wounded, but it is almost certain that several of them will die. A majority of the dead and wounded were single men, but several had families living in the district.

OREGON IS STILL REPUBLICAN.

Herman and Williams Re-Elected to Congress.

PORTLAND, Ore.—At 9 o'clock Monday it is conceded that the republicans have elected their congressional candidates by heavy majorities. Congressman Binger Herman of Roseburg, the republican candidate, has probably carried the district over R. M. Veaten, democrat, by from 5,000 to 7,000. John H. Williamson of Pineville, the republican candidate in the Second district, will carry the district by probably 10,000 over J. E. Simmons, democrat. Frank C. Baker, chairman of the state republican committee, said:

"I predict that Herrmann's majority will be 7,500 and Williamson's 10,000. Judge Frank A. Moore, the republican candidate for state supreme judge, will receive a majority of 20,000."

Hayashi to Visit Home.

SEOUL, Korea.—While there is no absolute confirmation of the report that Japanese Minister Hayashi is to visit Japan soon, yet it is believed to be probable, as the Japanese government undoubtedly wishes to consult him. Owing to his long diplomatic residence in Seoul, Minister Hayashi is regarded as a most competent authority on prevailing conditions in Korea. The Japanese legation has already submitted to the home government suggestions on a future policy to be pursued by Japan toward Korea.

DEATH TO UNIONS

NEW SLOGAN OF THE ALLIANCE AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

ACTION OF THE MINE OWNERS

Alliance Issues a Standing Threat to All Wage Earners in the District—The Recent Raid on the Victor Record Office.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo.—"Death to unionism in the Cripple Creek district" is the new slogan of the Citizens' alliance, which has sent a decree broadcast that every person connected with any union here must either sever his or her connection with such organization or leave the district.

The latest stand of the anti-unionists was vaguely hinted at two days ago, but the movement on the part of the alliance seemed so absurd to 2,000 or 4,000 unionists in the camp and its enforcements fraught with so many difficulties that it was not taken seriously.

Tyson S. Dines, a Denver attorney and one of the executors of the Stratton, estate, is here in conference with the Citizens' alliance, and it is announced that he is here preparing a form which will be presented to every merchant and business man and other employers of labor in the entire district, pledging them not to employ any person who is affiliated with a labor union.

No person who works for a living will be exempt and the absolute annihilation of unionism in this county is predicted by members of the Citizens' alliance, and the Mine Owners' association.

This is considered the most drastic step yet taken by the alliance since it secured the upper hold in the district and its enforcement will affect 2,000 men and women now affiliated with various unions. Among the unions that will be affected by the new movement are clerks, cooks and waiters, bartenders, carpenters, electricians, trainmen and stone and brick mason. The unionists assert they will fight the movement to a finish.

General Bell issued the following signed statement regarding the raid on the Victor Record office and the destruction of the newspaper plant:

"I cannot be too emphatic in my condemnation of this unamerican attack. Such action as this reflects upon the military, because martial law prevails. As military commander I am solely responsible for the clearing up of this crime if it is possible."

"I am aware that Editor Kyner was bitterly denounced and threatened and accused of selling out when his editorial appeared asking the Western Federation to call off the strike. The socialistic element of the federation were the ones who took the principal stand in this thing. However, whoever the perpetrators of this crime may be, they will land in the bull pen if apprehended."

COUNTERFEITED LARGE BILLS.

Detectives Find Man with Spurious \$100 Bills.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A man giving his name as Marcus Crahan, aged 34, was arrested at the Delmar race track by Secret Service Operator Murphy and is now being held a prisoner at the Four Courts pending his arraignment tomorrow before United States Commissioner Grain on the charge of having in his possession counterfeit money.

In the prisoner's possession the officer found a total of \$4,000 in \$100 gold certificates, which are said to be counterfeits similar to those passed last Saturday on Monday on bookmakers at the Kenilworth and Gravesend tracks. The bills are declared by federal detectives to be very dangerous counterfeits that ordinarily would not be detected.

The front of the bills is a good imitation of a real \$100 gold certificate, but the portrait of Senator Benton is rough. In place of the yellow silk threads on the back the maker of the money had sketched the design in red ink.

Will Not Compromise America.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Hay on Thursday cabled Consul General Gummere, at Tangier, instructions for dealing with the brigand Raisul, the point of which is a positive injunction to refrain from committing the United States government to any guarantee of immunity for the brigands or in any way to take any action that would amount to the recognition of the right of brigandage and blackmail in Morocco. This attitude will be adhered to regardless of consequences to Perdicaris.

Brutal Iowa Hoodlums.

CUMBERLAND, Ia.—Hoodlums assaulted a newspaper man named Carleton and Miss Mary Connelly on Wednesday night with beer bottles, and inflicted such wounds on the latter that she will lose her sight. The hoodlums waylaid Carleton and the young woman, who were out buggy riding. They first abused them with vile epithets and then threw bottles at them. One of them cut Miss Connelly's right eye and so injured the other that its sight also will be lost.

NEWS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Russians Get Cheering Reports by Carrier Pigeons.

NEW CHWANG—Two carrier pigeons arrived yesterday noon from General Stoessel at Port Arthur. The Russians will not divulge the message carried by the birds, but declare they contain good information and are very cheerful since the pigeons arrived.

An Associated Press messenger from the north reports that the magistrates of Hai Cheng and Liao Yang were recently arrested by the Russians and charged with furnishing supplies and information to the enemy. They were taken to Mukden, but released after an investigation. Influential natives declare that the arrests were not made because the Russians believed they could prove the charges, but because the magistrates were non-committal and refused to aid either side.

The Russians are printing a newspaper in Chinese at Mukden for the purpose of influencing the natives. The latest copy received at New Chwang says that Japan attempted to float a second loan in America for \$3,750,000, but was coldly rejected. Other contents of the paper explains that the Russian loss in the Yalu battle was due to the preponderance of Japanese cavalry and says also that the Russians will soon dictate peace terms in Tokio and that the leading Japanese statesmen will be reduced to ricksha coolies.

RUSSIA PLEADS INNOCENCE.

Says It Hasn't Hurt Chinese, Unless Bandits.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Russia has answered the communication of China calling attention to the interference of the Russian military authorities with the natives of villages in Manchuria on the lines suggested in these dispatches June 6, asking for specific instances.

Recent Russian advices regarding the agitation among the Chinese are more disquieting. This is the case with the news from Kwan Tung province, where, it is pointed out, the Boxer rebellion of 1900 was started at about this time of the year.

Supposed Diamond Thief Caught.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A woman who is said by the police to be a partner of Clara Leach, whose name, several years ago, was connected with a \$5,000 diamond robbery in Baltimore, is under arrest here. Her picture is in the rogues' gallery, and she has gone under the names of Bertha Davis, Bertha McConnell and Bertha Gilbert. She and William Gilbert, who was with her, are being held for investigation. Jewelry and goods to the value of several hundred dollars were confiscated by the police.

Charged With Poisoning Water.

TOKIO—Supplementary reports from the blockading forces indicate that the Russian gunboat, which was sunk by a torpedo off Port Arthur Saturday, was of the Gremiaashov type, instead of the Giliak class. Admiral Kataoka (commander of the third squadron) reconnoitered San Shan Tao and Taku Kao. The Chinese say that when the Russians abandoned Taku Kao they poisoned the water sources. Admiral Kataoka is investigating the charge.

Japanese Army Is Landed.

CHE FOO.—Chinese who have arrived here from Takushan say that the Japanese army of 20,000 men that landed at Takushan last month and proceeded toward Feng Wang Cheng, presumably to reinforce General Kuruki, returned to Takushan May 28. The Chinese believed that the Japanese had been defeated by the Russians, but it is regarded here as more likely that the advance toward Feng Wang Cheng and return to Takushan was simply a Japanese feint.

To Fill Quay's Shoes.

PHILADELPHIA.—Philander C. Knox of Pittsburg, attorney general of the United States, was selected Thursday to fill the seat in the United States senate made vacant by the death of Matthew Stanley Quay. He will accept and serve by appointment of Governor Pennypacker until March 4, the date of the expiration of the late senator's commission.

Taliaferro Wins in Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Returns to midnight of about three-fourths of the state leave the gubernatorial nomination still in doubt. Davis leads Broward by 800 votes out of a total of 20,000.

Uncle Sam's Cash.

WASHINGTON—Tuesday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$164,049,325; gold, \$68,357,086.

Signs of Battle at Port Arthur.

WASHINGTON—The Japanese legation today received the following cablegram from the home government at Tokio, bearing on events at Port Arthur:

"Admiral Togo reports that according to a message received by him through wireless telegraphy from the captain of the cruiser Chiose, which was cruising off Port Arthur, four masts, one with wireless telegraphic instruments and a sentry box, were seen on the top of Laoteshan. Great explosions were also heard.

A BATTLE RAGING

ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR BEGUN IN EARNEST.

ALREADY FOUR DAYS' FIGHTING

Chinese Reaching Che Foo Say That an Engagement Has Been Going on for Some Time and That Much Damage Has Been Done to Forts.

CHE FOO—The Chinese, both merchants and coolies, are leaving Port Arthur with the permission of the Russian authorities. Fifty junks which left Port Arthur yesterday with Chinese passengers are now arriving here. The reports of the latest arrivals vary in minor details, but agree in a general statement that a battle has been raging for four days within ten miles of Port Arthur.

All the Russian soldiers here, it is said, left Port Arthur for the front and only three large ships and a number of small ones remain in the harbor. The Chinese are unable to explain what has become of the other large ships.

The further report that all the forts at Port Arthur have been more or less damaged by recent bombardments and that a number of mines recently laid in the entrance to the harbor were exploded during a thunderstorm.

LONDON—The sudden interruption of the cable between Japan and Corea is considered significant of the imminence of important operations at Port Arthur, the Japanese having taken precaution, as usual, to cut the only means of communication with the outside world and thus enable its naval and military forces to work with absolute secrecy.

No attention is paid in London to rumors that the storming of the fortress has already begun, because it is known that a battle of Kin Chou General Oku had exhausted his ammunition, and an insufficient period has elapsed during which the stores of ammunition could be renewed and siege guns brought into position.

It is considered likely that Admiral Togo is not averse to Port Arthur wasting its ammunition in constant encounters with the gunboats. This may explain the rumored bombardments, while the firing on the land side may be due to preliminary operations, having for the purpose the driving in of the Russian forces.

ST. PETERSBURG—The reports or sorties from and attacks on Port Arthur coming in from foreign sources arouse the liveliest interest here. The government, not having means of communication with the fortress, accepts them with reserve. The tension over the situation at the theater of war is manifestly increasing. The general staff is becoming more reticent and the public is convinced that an important battle, which may decide the fate of the campaign, is impending.

CAUSE OF THE DYNAMITING.

Attributed to Military Despotism and Mine Owners' Action.

AUGUSTA, Me.—Delegates from Maine unions, assembled in this city for the purpose of organizing a state federation of labor, adopted a constitution and passed a resolution bearing upon the Colorado miners troubles and other subjects.

The resolutions condemned violence in times of strike, and the use of dynamite, and urged that the conditions in Colorado should be given the utmost publicity.

It was set forth that the present condition of lawlessness in Colorado was due to the Mine Owners' association and capitalists causing a reign of military despotism. The delegates pledged themselves to purchase only union labor clothing.

CECIL RHOADES SCHOLARSHIPS.

Nebraska Has Four Names in List of Eligibles.

MONTREAL—Dr. Parkin has received at McGill university the report of Oxford examiners upon the papers of candidates examined on April 13 and 14 throughout the United States and Canada which have no colleges affiliated with Oxford. Altogether 120 candidates have passed from the different states and territories of the union and thus become eligible for selection as Rhodes scholars. They include:

Nebraska—Raymond Coon, Arthur H. Marsh, Frank A. Peterson, Edwin Southerland, Iowa—Carl W. Ross, Joseph E. Walliser, South Dakota—Paul M. Young, Wyoming—Harold G. Merriam.

Russians Suffer Reverse.

LONDON—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post telegraphs, under date of June 8: "General Stakeburg's Russian brigade, marching in the direction of Port Arthur, suffered a reverse on Saturday near Wafangtien and retired to Tashichiao."

Perfumery Overcomes Firemen.

NEW YORK—Six firemen were overcome Friday by the fumes of perfumery while fighting a fire in a building in Duane street, in which Lazell, Dalley & Co., manufacturers of perfumes, occupied the fifth floor. Several carboys of perfumery was broken open during the fire. The liquid ran over the floor and into the flames, producing fumes so overpowering that the firemen were repeatedly driven away by them. Six of the firemen were carried out unconscious, but were revived.